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Sir:

Enclosed are two replacement sheets of formal drawings corresponding to the drawings submitted together with the application as filed, and including changes required by the Examiner's Amendment/Comment attached to the Notice of Allowability dated August 13, 2004.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees concerning the application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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